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SUBJECT: PALESTINIAN FACTIONS DIVVY UP PLC COMMITTEES

Classified By: Consul General Jake Walles, per reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

¶1. (C) The Palestinian Legislative Council (PLC) formally approved member assignments to 12 PLC committees following negotiations between Hamas, Fatah, and the other factions in the Council. Hamas is slated to control six of the 12 committees, Fatah four, and one each for Salam Fayyad's Third Way and the PFLP. While most committees consist of a deputy from an opposing faction, it is not clear as to their function vis--vis the chairman.

¶2. (C) Evaluating the composition of the 12 committees, former PLC member Ziad Abu Zayyad (Jerusalem, independent) told ConGen Poloff April 10 that the relative inexperience of the legislators coupled with Hamas' absolute majority in the Council did not bode well for effective committees. Abu Zayyad -- who headed the Legal Committee in the previous Council -- questioned the competency of the Fatah legislators, in particular those Fatah PLC members affiliated with the al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades. Abu Zayyad identified the Legal and Budget Committees as the most relevant bodies. He noted that while Salam Fayyad is technically in charge of the Budget Committee, he would face obstacles in performing his duties by the Hamas majority. (Note: The committees operate according to the internal PLC by-laws, with essential work geared toward preparing reports, holding discussions, and questioning relevant PA ministers. End note.)

¶3. (SBU) The following is ConGen translated list of the 12 PLC committees:

Political Committee:

- ¶1. Abdullah Abdullah (Fatah) Chairman
- ¶2. Salah al-Bardawil (Hamas) Deputy
- ¶3. Anwar al-Zboun (Hamas)
- ¶4. Bassam al-Salhi (al-Badil)
- ¶5. Jamileh al-Shanti (Hamas)
- ¶6. Husam al-Tawil (Independent)
- ¶7. Hakam Balawi (Fatah)
- ¶8. Hanan Ashrawi (Third Way)
- ¶9. Khaled Abu Hasan (Hamas)
- ¶10. Radwan al-Akhras (Fatah)
- ¶11. Riyadh Radad (Hamas)
- ¶12. Ziad Abu Amr (Independent)
- ¶13. Salem Salameh (Hamas)
- ¶14. Sayyed Abu Musameh (Hamas)
- ¶15. Sa'eb Erekat (Fatah)
- ¶16. Azzam al-Ahmad (Fatah)
- ¶17. Imad Nofal (Hamas)
- ¶18. Fuad Kokali (Fatah)
- ¶19. Fayez al-Saqa (Fatah)
- ¶20. Muhammad al-Ghoul (Hamas)
- ¶21. Mahmud al-Aloul (Fatah)
- ¶22. Maryam Farahat (Hamas)
- ¶23. Mushir al-Masri (Hamas)

- ¶24. Mustafa Barghouthi (Independent Palestine)
- ¶25. Muna Mansour (Hammas)
- 26 Nabil Sh'ath (Fatah)
- ¶27. Najat Abu Baker (Fatah)
- ¶28. Yousef al-Sharafi (Hammas)

Economic Committee:

- ¶1. Jamal Saleh (Hammas) Chairman
- ¶2. Abdul Rahim Barham (Fatah) Deputy
- ¶3. Ibrahim Dahbour (Hammas)
- ¶4. Ahmad Abu Holi (Fatah)
- ¶5. Jamal Sakik (Hammas)
- ¶6. Jamil Majdalawi (PFLP)
- ¶7. Khalil Raba'i (Hammas)
- ¶8. Daoud Abu Seir (Hammas)
- ¶9. Rawya al-Shawa (Independent)
- ¶10. Salem Salameh (Hammas)
- ¶11. Sufian al-Agha (Fatah)
- ¶12. Siham Thabet (Fatah)
- ¶13. Abdul Jaber Fugaha (Hammas)
- ¶14. Azzam al-Ahmad (Fatah)
- ¶15. 'Ala Eddin Yaghi (Fatah)
- ¶16. Fathi Hammad (Hammas)
- ¶17. Mahmud al-Khatib (Hammas)
- ¶18. Nabil Sh'ath (Fatah)

Educational and Social Affairs Committee:

- ¶1. Khaled Yahya (Hammas) Chairman
- ¶2. Rajai Barakeh (Fatah) Deputy
- ¶3. Ibrahim Abu Salem (Hammas)
- ¶4. Ibrahim al-Masdar (Fatah)
- ¶5. Ahmad Abu Holi (Fatah)
- ¶6. Ahmad Shreim (Fatah)
- ¶7. Jamal Abu al-Rub (Fatah)
- ¶8. Jamileh al-Shanti (Hammas)
- ¶9. Hamid Khudair (Hammas)
- ¶10. Husni Yasin (Hammas)
- ¶11. Khaled Abu Hasan (Hammas)
- ¶12. Khalida Jarrar (PFLP)
- ¶13. Radwan al-Akhras (Fatah)
- ¶14. Riyadh Radad (Hammas)
- ¶15. Sahar Qawasmi (Fatah)
- ¶16. Samir al-Qadi (Hammas)
- ¶17. Samira Halayqah (Hammas)
- ¶18. Siham Thabet (Fatah)
- ¶19. Abdul Humid al-Ailed (Fatah)
- ¶20. Abdul Rahman al-Jamal (Hammas)
- ¶21. Abdul Fattah Durham (Hammas)
- ¶22. Ali Rumaneeen (Hammas)
- ¶23. Issa Qaraqah (Fatah)
- ¶24. Qais Abdul Karim (al-Badil)
- ¶25. Majed Abu Shamaleh (Fatah)
- ¶26. Muhammad al-Til (Hammas)
- ¶27. Muhammad Badr (Hammas)
- ¶28. Muhammad Shihab (Hammas)
- ¶29. Maryam Farahat (Hammas)
- ¶30. Muna Mansour (Hammas)
- ¶31. Nasser Juma (Fatah)
- ¶32. Nasser Abdul Jawad (Hammas)
- ¶33. Najat Abu Baker (Fatah)
- ¶34. Najat al-Astal (Fatah)
- ¶35. Huda al-Qarinawi (Hammas)

Jerusalem Committee:

- ¶1. Ibrahim Abu Salem (Hammas) Chairman
- ¶2. Ahmad Abu Halabiyah (Hammas) Deputy
- ¶3. Ahmad Attoun (Hammas)
- ¶4. Emil Jarjou'i (Fatah)
- ¶5. Bernard Sabella (Fatah)
- ¶6. Jihad Abu Zneid (Fatah)
- ¶7. Abdullah Abdullah (Fatah)
- ¶8. Muhammad Abu Tir (Hammas)
- ¶9. Muhammad Totah (Hammas)
- ¶10. Yousef al-Shrafi (Hammas)

Budget and Financial Affairs Committee:

- ¶1. Salam Fayyad (Third Way) Chairman
- ¶2. Ibrahim Dahbour (Hammas) Deputy

- ¶3. Isma'il al-Ashqar ( Hamas )
- ¶4. Intisar al-Wazir ( Fatah )
- ¶5. Basem Za'ayer ( Hamas )
- ¶6. Jamal Sakik ( Hamas )
- ¶7. Jamal Saleh ( Hamas )
- ¶8. Khalil Raba'i ( Hamas )
- ¶9. Daoud Abu Seir ( Hamas )
- ¶10. Rawya al-Shawa ( Independent )
- ¶11. Riyadh Amali ( Hamas )
- ¶12. Sufian Al-Agha ( Fatah )
- ¶13. Abdul Jaber Fuqaha' ( Hamas )
- ¶14. 'Ala Eddin Yaghi ( Fatah )
- ¶15. Fuad Kokali ( Fatah )
- ¶16. Faysal Abu Shahlah ( Fatah )
- ¶17. Qais Abdul Karim ( al-Badil )
- ¶18. Muhammad Hijazi ( Fatah )
- ¶19. Muhammad Totah ( Hamas )
- ¶20. Mustafa Barghouthi ( Independent Palestine )
- ¶21. Yihya Al-Abadseh ( Hamas )

Lands, Settlements, and Security Fence Resistance Committee:

- ¶1. Walid Assaf ( Fatah ) Chairman
- ¶2. Imad Nofal ( Hamas ) Deputy
- ¶3. Khaled Abu Tous ( Hamas )
- ¶4. Khamis al-Najjar ( Hamas )
- ¶5. Muhammad al-Til ( Hamas )
- ¶6. Muhammad al-Laham ( Fatah )
- ¶7. Mustafa Barghouthi ( Independent Palestine )
- ¶8. Muhib Salameh ( Fatah )
- ¶9. Naser Abdul Jawad ( Hamas )
- ¶10. Na'imeh al-Shaykh Ali ( Fatah )

Interior, Security, and Local Government Committee:

- ¶1. Muhammad Dahlan ( Fatah ) Chairman
- ¶2. Isma'il al-Ashqar ( Hamas ) Deputy
- ¶3. Ahmad Ali Ahmad ( Hamas )
- ¶4. Ahmad Attoun ( Hamas )
- ¶5. Ashraf Juma ( Fatah )
- ¶6. Anwar al-Zboun ( Hamas )
- ¶7. Basem Za'ayer ( Hamas )
- ¶8. Jamal Abu al-Rub ( Fatah )
- ¶9. Jamal al-Tirawi ( Fatah )
- ¶10. Jihad Tmeileh ( Fatah )
- ¶11. Khaled Yahya ( Hamas )
- ¶12. Khalil al-Hayyieh ( Hamas )
- ¶13. Rabiha Diab ( Fatah )
- ¶14. Riyadh Amali ( Hamas )
- ¶15. Sahar Qawasmi ( Fatah )
- ¶16. Shami Muhammad Shami ( Fatah )
- ¶17. Abdul Hamid al-Aileh ( Fatah )
- ¶18. Majed Abu Shamaleh ( Fatah )
- ¶19. Muhammad Abu Tir ( Hamas )
- ¶20. Mahmud Musleh ( Hamas )
- ¶21. Marwan Abu Ras ( Hamas )
- ¶22. Muhib Salameh ( Fatah )
- ¶23. Naser Khalil ( Hamas )
- ¶24. Wa'el Abdul Rahman ( Hamas )
- ¶25. Walid Assaf ( Fatah )
- ¶26. Yasser Mansour ( Hamas )

Oversight and Human Rights Committee:

- ¶1. Faysal Abu Shahlah ( Fatah ) Chairman
- ¶2. Marwan Abu Ras ( Hamas ) Deputy
- ¶3. Ahmad Shreim ( Fatah )
- ¶4. Ahmad Mubarak ( Hamas )
- ¶5. Ashraf Juma ( Fatah )
- ¶6. Akram al-Haymuni ( Fatah )
- ¶7. Intisar al-Wazir ( Fatah )
- ¶8. Ayman Daraghme ( Hamas )
- ¶9. Husni Yasin ( Hamas )
- ¶10. Khalida Jarrar ( PFLP )
- ¶11. Khalil al-Hayyieh ( Hamas )
- ¶12. Rajai Barakeh ( Fatah )
- ¶13. Samir al-Qadi ( Hamas )
- ¶14. Samira Halayqah ( Hamas )
- ¶15. Sayyed Abu Musameh ( Hamas )
- ¶16. Shami Muhammad Shami ( Fatah )
- ¶17. Salah al-Bardawil ( Hamas )

- ¶18. Abdul Rahman al-Jamal ( Hamas )
- ¶19. Issa Qaraqah ( Fatah )
- ¶20. Fadel Hamdan ( Hamas )
- ¶21. Muhammad Hijazi ( Fatah )
- ¶22. Muhammad Dahlan ( Fatah )
- ¶23. Mahmud al-Aloul ( Fatah )
- ¶24. Mahmud Musleh ( Hamas )
- ¶25. Najat al-Astal ( Fatah )
- ¶26. Na'imeh al-Shaykh Ali ( Fatah )
- ¶27. Yasser Mansour ( Hamas )
- ¶28. Yahya al-Abadseh ( Hamas )
- ¶29. Yunis al-Astal ( Hamas )

Refugees Committee:

- ¶1. Jamil Majdalawi ( PFLP ) Chairman
- ¶2. Ahmad Ali Ahmad ( Hamas ) Deputy
- ¶3. Ahmad Mubarak ( Hamas )
- ¶4. Jamal Al-Tirawi ( Fatah )
- ¶5. Jihad Abu Zneid ( Fatah )
- ¶6. Jihad Tmeileh ( Fatah )
- ¶7. Husam al-Tawil ( Independent )
- ¶8. Abdul Fattah Dukhan ( Hamas )
- ¶9. Fathi Hammad ( Hamas )
- ¶10. Muhammad al-Laham ( Fatah )

Legal Committee:

- ¶1. Muhammad al-Ghoul ( Hamas ) Chairman
- ¶2. Muhammad Badr ( Hamas ) Deputy
- ¶3. Ahmad Abu Halabiyah ( Hamas )
- ¶4. Bernard Sabella ( Fatah )
- ¶5. Bassam al-Salhi ( al-Badil )
- ¶6. Hamid Khudair ( Hamas )
- ¶7. Hanan Ashrawi ( Third Way )
- ¶8. Rabiha Diab ( Fatah )
- ¶9. Sa'eb Erekat ( Fatah )
- ¶10. Abdul Rahim Barham ( Fatah )
- ¶11. Fadel Hamdan ( Hamas )
- ¶12. Muhammad Shihab ( Hamas )
- ¶13. Mahmud al-Khatib ( Hamas )
- ¶14. Mushir al-Masri ( Hamas )
- ¶15. Huda al-Qarinawi ( Hamas )
- ¶16. Wa'el Abdul Rahman ( Hamas )
- ¶17. Yunis al-Astal ( Hamas )

Energy and Natural Resources Committee:

- ¶1. Ayman Daraghmeh ( Hamas ) Chairman
- ¶2. Ibrahim al-Masdar ( Fatah ) Deputy
- ¶3. Khaled Abu Tous ( Hamas )
- ¶4. Khamis al-Najjar ( Hamas )
- ¶5. Salam Fayyad ( Third Way )
- ¶6. Ali Rumaneeen ( Hamas )
- ¶7. Fayez al-Saqa ( Fatah )

Council Affairs Committee:

- ¶1. Aziz Dweik ( Hamas ) PLC Speaker
- ¶2. Ahmad Bahar ( Hamas ) First Deputy
- ¶3. Hasan Khreishah ( Independent ) Second Deputy
- ¶4. Mahmud al-Ramahi ( Hamas ) Secretary General

(Note: The remaining 11 seats are reserved for either the chairman or deputy of the respective committees. End note.)

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